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During the archaic and classical periods, Greek ideas about the dead evolved in response to changing social and cultural conditions-most notably changes associated with the development of the polis, such as funerary legislation, and changes due to increased contacts with cultures of the ancient Near East. In Restless Dead, Sarah Iles Johnston presents and interprets these changes, using them to build a complex picture of the way in which the society of the dead reflected that of the

living, expressing and defusing its tensions, reiterating its values and eventually becoming a source of